Source: Data as reported by CPCB/SPCBs/NEERI/Agencies under National Air Quality Monitoring Programme

Note: '-' Data not available

BDL - Below Detection Limit (*i.e.* less than 4 micrograms per cubic metre for SO_2 and less than 9 micrograms per cubic metre for NO_2).

*-Data for 2005 for, Patna, Kanpur, Pune, and Varanasi is average of data available as on date.

National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Residential Areas (Annual average) for SO_2, NO_2 and RSPM=60 microgramme per cubic metre.

*-Data for Bangalore is average of Jan. to Aug., 2004.

Persons Convicted for Poaching

3711. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons convicted for poaching under Wild Life Protection Act in different States since the date of enforcement of the Act;

(b) the number of persons acquitted or discharged for the offences of poaching, State-wise; and

(c) the number of persons convicted for killing protected species, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Study regarding increasing Pollution in Yamuna

†3712. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pollution Control Research Institute has conducted or propose to conduct a deep study with regard to increasing pollution in the Yamuna river;

(b) if so, the outcomes thereof and the recommendations made in the said study;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the effective steps being taken by Government to check the increasing pollution in the yamuna river?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Pollution control Research Institute at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (Hardwar) has not

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

conducted any deep study with regard to increasing pollution in the Yamuna river and reportedly do not have any such proposal at present.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

(d) To prevent increasing pollution in the Yamuna river, Government has implemented Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase-I. This phase was launched in 1993 in three States of UP, Haryana and Delhi covering 15 towns with funding from Japanese Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and completed in February, 2003. Under this plan, a total of 256 schemes of pollution abatement have been completed including 34 sewage treatment plants having additional treatment capacity of 741 million litres per day (mld) of which 402 mld is in UP, 309 mld is in Haryana and 30 mld is in Delhi.

Further, the YAP Phase-II has been formulated keepining view the experience gained during implementation of YAP Phase-I and has started from December 1, 2004. The project covers the States of Haryana, UP and Delhi and the main components of the project include the following:

Delhi: - Sewage Treatment Plants (135 million litres per day [mld] capacity new and 324 mld capacity rehabilitation)

U.P.: - Sewage Treatment Plants (54 mld capacity new)

Rehabilitationof Sewer lines/Rising Mains (85.7 kms)

Haryana: - Interception & Diversion of sewer lines (73 kms) and improvement in efficiencies of existing Sewage Treatment Plants.

Plantation of mangroves along Orissa Coast

3713. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that mangroves have proved very effective to control natural disasters along the coastal line of Orissa and at other places in the country and these plants also enhance fisheries and forest production; and

(b) if so, what is the action plan of Government to encourage plantation of mangroves along the Orissa's coastal areas to provide buffer to communities living in the coastal areas from natural disasters apart from protecting shorelines against damage?